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Summary of Findings for the FY09 Annual Report

- There were 1,046 children and youth served in FY09.
- Proportionately more males (60%) were served.
- Approximately half (48%) of children served were 12-15 years old, 44 percent were 16-18 years old, five percent were 6-11 years old, two percent were 19 years and older, and one percent were 0-5 years old.
- Slightly less than half (41%) of children and youth served were Caucasian, 23 percent Hispanic, and 20 percent African American. Biracial children represented five percent of children served and Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaskan Native children and youth represented three and one percent, respectively, of those served. Data was reported as “unknown” or “other” for eight percent of children.
- English was the primary language spoken at home for the great majority of children and youth served (82%), with Spanish the next most common primary language spoken for 12 percent of those served.
- The most common presenting problems for children and youth entering services were: school problems/issue (59%), behavioral problems (39%), out of parental control (31%), anger/aggression (29%), and family violence/stress (29%).
- The most common family presenting problems for children and youth entering services were: school problems/issue (46%), family stress (45%), parenting problems (37%), behavioral problems (37%), and financial problems/unemployment (28%).
- Thirty-nine percent of children and youth served had identified needs for mental health services, and of those in need, the majority (70%) were reported as receiving some form of mental health services. In addition, thirty-two percent of children and youth had additional unmet mental health needs.
- At admission, 88 percent of children and youth had a goal of home preservation and nine percent had a goal of reunification with their family.
- Data on youth employment and educational status at admission indicated that 18 percent of youth were employed (11% full-time), and 85 percent were enrolled in school.
- Seventeen percent of children and youth served during FY09 had an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for emotional disturbance and 16 percent had an IEP for a learning disability. A much smaller proportion of children and youth had a 504 Plan or were enrolled in ESL services (1% and 2%, respectively).

- Sixty-two percent of the total number of children and youth served during FY09 were also discharged at some point during the fiscal year. The primary reason for discharge given by programs was that goals were accomplished (51%). Twenty percent of children and youth were discharged for “other” reasons than those listed.
- Upon discharge, 66 percent of children and youth remained at home with a parent or guardian. Discharges to the Rhode Island Training School (11%) or a residential placement (6%) were the two next most common discharge dispositions.
- A total of 42 percent of children and youth remained an “open” case to the DCYF at discharge.
- Ninety percent of children and youth had an Individual Service Plan (ISP) completed within 30 days of admission, and 91 percent had that plan reviewed and/or updated at least once each quarter.
- Approximately 53 to 57 percent of children and youth received a grade of “C” or better in Math, English, or Reading during the period they were enrolled in outreach and tracking programs. In addition, 45 percent of children and youth attended school on a regular basis.

Introduction

This annual report summarizes performance indicator results for eight outreach and tracking programs funded by the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) for Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09). Results are presented for individual programs and across programs, and comparisons are made to FY08 findings. When results are presented at the program level, a program code (denoted by the letters A-H) is substituted for the program name to ensure the confidentiality of each program.

According to DCYF, outreach and tracking programs are designed to provide community-based outreach services to males and females, ages 9-21. Services include: individual, group, and/or family counseling; recreational activities; culturally enriching experiences; crisis response services; and linkages to educational, vocational, and/or rehabilitation services as necessary.

There are several notes of caution about the findings reported in this report. First, since programs submit data in aggregate form, it is currently not possible to track individual-level changes within programs. In addition, since children cannot be tracked across quarters of submitted data, there is no way to identify whether children's outcomes or program indicators have been correctly or completely submitted for all children receiving services within a given program. Finally, since the number of children and youth served by each program varies, programs serving relatively few children may have insufficient data from which to draw conclusions about program performance. As a result, the findings for some indicators should be interpreted with caution because the number of children represented in the report for that indicator may be quite small.

Data for the following indicators are presented in this report:

- Demographic characteristics of children and youth served,
- Referral source of children and youth served,
- Child and family presenting problems,
- Child and youth mental health needs,
- Service characteristics,
- Discharge characteristics,
- Service outcomes, and
- Child and youth outcomes.

Demographic Characteristics of Children and Youth Served

There were 1,046 children and youth served in FY09 compared to 913 served in FY08. This includes children and youth who entered programs before the start of the year as well as those admitted during the year. As presented in Table 1 on the following page, there were proportionately more males served (60%) during FY09. The relative proportion of males and females served during FY08 was comparable to those served in FY09.

Overall, almost half (48%) of children and youth served were 12-15 years old, 44 percent were 16-18 years old, five percent were 6-11 years old, two percent were 19 years old or above, and one percent were 0-5 years old. The relative proportion of children and youth's ages served during FY08 was comparable to FY09. In addition, the ages of children and youth served during FY09 varied by program, with only one of eight programs serving children 0-5 years old, and four of the eight programs serving youth 19 years old or above.

In terms of race and ethnicity, 41 percent of children and youth served in FY09 were Caucasian, 23 percent Hispanic, and 20 percent African American. Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaskan Native children and youth represented three and one percent, respectively, of the children and youth served. Five percent of children and youth served were biracial. Data were reported as unknown/other for the race/ethnicity of eight percent of children and youth. The relative proportions of these results are consistent with those in FY08.

Finally, the primary language spoken at home was English for the majority of children and youth served (82%), followed by Spanish (12%), figures that are very similar to FY08. For each of these programs, Spanish was the primary language spoken other than English.

Referral Source of Children and Youth Served

Referral source was noted upon program entry for children and families using a list established for all DCYF contracted community programs. Data is collected and presented for new admissions only. A total of 692 children and youth were newly admitted within FY09.

As presented in Table 2 on page 4, the most common referral source for those admitted to outreach and tracking programs during FY09 was the DCYF Family Services Division (42%), followed by DCYF/CANTS (14%), and DCYF Juvenile Corrections Probation (11%). This varied across programs. For example, program A reported that the majority (74%) of children and youth served were internal agency referrals and program C had the highest percentage of self-referrals (45%). Overall referral patterns were comparable from FY08 to FY09.

Table 1. Demographic Characteristics of Children and Youth Served: FY09 and Relevant Comparisons

		FY08 Overall N=913		FY09 Overall N=1046		FY09 by Program							
						A n=46	B n=118	C n=115	D n=97	E n=50	F n=163	G n=339	H n=118
		N	%	N	%	%							
Gender	Male	534	59	626	60	70	55	62	63	42	83	53	53
	Female	379	41	420	40	30	45	38	37	58	17	47	41
Age Range	0-5 years	3	<1	7	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
	6-11 years	45	5	55	5	7	6	4	30	2	0	1	4
	12-15 years	484	53	498	48	48	66	62	41	54	19	45	64
	16-18 years	366	40	460	44	46	28	33	20	44	75	49	32
	19 + years	15	2	26	2	0	0	1	2	0	6	4	0
Race/Ethnicity	African American/Black	148	16	205	20	32	18	10	11	6	45	14	18
	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	5	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
	Asian/Pacific Islander	17	2	29	3	0	1	0	1	6	5	2	7
	Biracial	48	5	50	5	0	0	0	12	0	0	6	8
	Caucasian/White	414	45	434	41	53	30	52	69	38	10	51	31
	Hispanic	206	23	242	23	15	31	16	6	20	33	22	32
	Unknown/Other	75	8	80	8	0	21	23	0	30	7	3	3
Primary Language Spoken at Home	English	744	81	854	82	83	70	89	100	86	66	85	81
	Spanish	124	14	121	12	13	17	4	0	8	19	11	15
	Portuguese	4	<1	4	<1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Hmong	0	0	3	<1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Creole	16	2	20	2	0	6	3	0	2	3	1	0
	Russian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	French	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Khmer	2	<1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	Other	23	3	38	4	2	7	3	0	4	9	2	3

Note: Percents may not equal 100 due to rounding.

Table 2. Referral Source of Children and Youth Served: FY09 and Relevant Comparisons

	FY08 Overall N=569		FY09 Overall N=692		FY09 by Program							
	N	%	N	%	A n=34	B n=64	C n=76	D n=61	E n=35	F n=91	G n=253	H n=78
					%							
Behavior Therapy Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CASSP	1	<1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clergy/Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Court/Family Court	15	3	31	4	0	2	3	2	6	0	10	0
Court Diversionary	8	1	9	1	0	0	9	0	3	1	0	0
DCYF/CANTS	61	11	94	14	0	88	5	0	89	3	0	0
DCYF/Child Protective Screening Unit	8	1	4	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
DCYF Contract Unit	1	<1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DCYF Family Services Division	241	42	290	42	0	0	0	57	0	0	71	97
DCYF Juvenile Corrections (RITS)	28	5	70	10	0	0	1	10	0	51	7	0
DCYF Juvenile Corrections Probation	76	13	75	11	0	0	0	7	0	41	13	3
DCYF Placement Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DCYF Residential Review Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Early Intervention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foster Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hospital/Clinic/Physician-Medical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hospital/Clinic/Physician-Psychiatric	2	<1	9	1	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Internal Agency Referral	25	4	32	5	74	2	1	8	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Hearing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	25	4	13	2	0	2	16	0	0	0	0	0
Mental Health Agency	3	1	1	<1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Military	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parent/Guardian/Other Relative	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential Program	0	0	1	<1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
School	4	1	10	1	0	5	8	0	0	1	0	0
Self-Referral	50	9	39	6	0	2	45	3	0	2	0	0
Social Service Agency	15	3	5	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Substance Abuse Clinic/Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Truancy Court /Officers	1	<1	3	<1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Other	5	1	6	1	0	2	5	0	0	1	0	0

Note: Percents may not equal 100 due to rounding.

Child and Family Presenting Problems

Presenting problems were noted upon program entry for children and youth as well as for families using a list established for use in all DCYF contracted community programs. Data is collected and presented for new admissions only. The total number of child and youth new admissions during FY09 was 692 involving 662 families.

Children and Youth

Table 3 summarizes the presenting problems of children and youth at program admission. School problems/issue (59%), behavioral problems (39%), out of parental control (31%), anger/aggression (29%), and family violence/stress (29%) were the most prevalent presenting problems identified among children and youth entering outreach and tracking programs. The rates of presenting problems across programs also differed considerably, suggesting that either providers served different types of children and youth or that providers may have used different criteria to identify presenting problems.

Comparisons of FY08 to FY09 indicate overall patterns of children and youth presenting problems were similar. One exception is that the proportion of family violence/stress has increased since FY08 (21% vs. 29%).

Family

Family presenting problems reported for children and youth entering outreach and tracking programs during FY09 are presented in Table 4. Overall, the highest percentages of family presenting problems were for school problems/issue (46%), family stress (45%), parenting problems (37%), behavioral problems (37%), and financial problems/unemployment (28%). Once again, there is variability among individual programs on the family presenting problems reported.

Overall, FY08 is comparable to FY09 with a few exceptions. There was an increase in the proportion of families who reported recreational needs (7% vs. 15%), criminal involvement (12% vs. 18%), transportation needs (5% vs. 11%), cultural/language barriers (2% to 7%), and alcohol or drug use and abuse (11% to 15%),

Table 3. Child and Youth Presenting Problems: FY09 and Relevant Comparisons

	FY08 Overall N=569		FY09 Overall N=692		FY09 by Program							
	N	%	N	%	A n=34	B n=64	C n=76	D n=61	E n=35	F n=91	G n=253	H n=78
					%							
Abandonment	22	4	43	6	38	0	3	0	9	1	8	5
Abuse-Emotional	21	4	33	5	38	0	0	0	0	0	5	10
Abuse-Physical	17	3	40	6	29	0	0	2	3	0	9	6
Abuse-Sexual	35	6	14	2	0	3	0	0	3	1	2	5
Anxiety	30	5	76	11	29	3	1	16	0	0	11	31
Anger/Aggression	187	33	199	29	56	20	8	43	14	7	35	45
Alcohol/Drug Use/Abuse	66	12	89	13	35	2	4	33	6	8	14	10
Behavioral Problems	186	33	270	39	71	6	9	66	0	15	55	55
Criminal/Illegal Activity	126	22	186	27	59	0	8	28	9	74	25	14
Death/Absence of Caregiver	48	8	53	8	24	0	5	0	3	0	15	4
Delinquency	67	12	98	14	9	5	0	7	6	0	31	10
Depression/Withdrawal	76	13	92	13	18	6	4	15	0	0	20	26
Developmental Delay	3	1	16	2	6	0	0	3	0	0	3	5
Developmental Problem /Issue	4	1	12	2	9	0	0	7	0	0	1	3
Eating Disorders	1	<1	3	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
Family Violence/Stress	120	21	198	29	59	14	13	80	34	20	19	41
Fire Setting	4	1	8	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Grief and Loss	29	5	45	7	29	0	1	3	3	2	9	8
Health Problem/Disability	4	1	16	2	9	0	0	2	0	0	4	3
Hyperactivity/Attention Deficit	69	12	97	14	50	8	7	28	6	8	12	18
Language/Speech Disorder	5	1	9	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Mental Health Problem/Issue-Other	75	13	66	10	18	6	1	20	3	5	12	8
Neglect	41	7	53	8	53	0	0	16	0	0	10	0
Out of Parental Control	195	34	213	31	79	47	14	23	63	68	11	26
Prenatal Drug Exposure	8	1	11	2	18	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Relationship Problem/Issue	137	24	132	19	38	38	18	26	40	12	8	27
School Problems/Issue	336	59	407	59	53	52	36	54	83	37	66	86
Self-Injurious Act/Threat	15	3	18	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	6
Sexual Problem/Issue	13	2	19	3	9	0	0	3	0	0	5	3
Suicide Attempt/Threat	17	3	19	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	3
Violent Behavior	60	11	84	12	18	0	0	7	3	2	25	10
Other	16	3	44	6	9	0	0	3	0	36	0	6

Note: More than one response was allowed so that percents may exceed 100.

Table 4. Family Presenting Problems: FY09 and Relevant Comparisons

	FY08 Overall N=534		FY09 Overall N=662		FY09 by Program							
	N	%	N	%	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
					n=29	n=57	n=70	n=58	n=29	n=90	n=253	n=76
					%							
Abandonment	17	3	35	5	41	0	0	0	0	1	7	5
Abuse-Emotional	23	4	24	4	24	2	0	0	0	0	4	7
Abuse-Physical	24	4	25	4	21	0	0	3	0	0	5	7
Abuse-Sexual	13	2	13	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	5
Access to Services	24	4	33	5	28	0	0	12	0	0	4	12
Alcohol/ Drug Use/Abuse	59	11	98	15	59	0	7	45	21	7	11	12
Behavioral Problems	177	33	245	37	28	33	33	59	69	64	19	46
Child Care Needs	15	3	26	4	24	0	0	0	0	0	4	13
Criminal Involvement	63	12	121	18	31	0	0	17	3	70	14	4
Cultural/Language Barriers	11	2	45	7	17	0	0	0	0	3	10	16
Death/ Absence of Caregiver	41	8	37	6	21	0	4	2	3	0	10	1
Developmental Delay	3	1	6	1	3	0	0	5	0	0	1	0
Developmental Problem/Issue	3	1	5	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0
Domestic Violence	48	9	48	7	55	0	0	9	0	0	8	11
Family Stress	238	45	296	45	97	18	16	86	55	24	37	87
Financial Problem/Unemployment	129	24	187	28	66	0	6	24	34	48	22	54
Grief and Loss	18	3	37	6	14	0	0	5	3	2	9	7
Health Problem/Disability	33	6	38	6	21	0	0	14	0	0	7	8
History of Physical/Sexual Abuse	26	5	28	4	14	0	0	9	0	0	5	8
Housing Issues	47	9	51	8	38	0	0	17	0	0	8	14
Mental Health Problem/Issue- Other	48	9	79	12	34	4	0	41	3	2	9	24
Neglect	40	7	60	9	48	0	0	12	0	0	14	4
Parenting Problems	187	35	247	37	97	26	10	64	34	33	33	49
Recreational Needs	37	7	102	15	0	0	1	0	31	50	11	24
Request for Placement	11	2	13	2	17	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
School Problems/Issue	234	44	303	46	14	60	39	47	86	38	38	72
Social Isolation	12	2	26	4	14	0	0	0	0	0	5	12
Suicide Attempt/Threat	6	1	14	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	5
Transportation Needs	25	5	73	11	24	0	0	16	28	6	11	22
Unsafe Home/Neighborhood	36	7	54	8	28	0	0	0	3	0	14	13
Other	10	2	11	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	1

Note: More than one response was allowed so that percents may exceed 100.

Child and Youth Mental Health Needs

Children and Youth

Table 5 presents the number of children and youth served by outreach and tracking programs during FY09 with an identified mental health service need, unmet mental health service needs, and barriers to receiving mental health services. As shown in the table, outreach and tracking providers reported that 39 percent of children served were identified as in need of mental health services. This ranged from 19 percent to 100 percent across programs. Of those children reported to be in need of mental health services, 70 percent were reported as receiving mental health services. Seven of the eight programs indicated that the majority of children and youth identified as in need of mental health services were receiving such services. Notably, program A reported that 93 percent of children and youth identified were receiving mental health services.

Furthermore, 32 percent of children and youth identified as needing mental health services reported having additional unmet mental health needs. This indicator of continued unmet mental health need varied somewhat across programs and ranged from 16 percent to 52 percent. This indicator of unmet mental health service needs has increased from FY08 to FY09 (21% vs. 32%).

Barriers to addressing the identified mental health service needs were also indicated. Overall, 45 percent of children and youth had an unmet mental health need due to a non-compliant child or youth, followed by non-complaint parent (15%). This varied somewhat across programs. Although the proportion of children with unmet mental health service needs increased from FY08 to FY09, the barriers to addressing these mental health service needs remained fairly constant from FY08 to FY09.

Table 5. Children's Mental Health Service Needs: FY09 and Relevant Comparisons

	FY08 Overall N=1926		FY09 Overall N=2351		FY09 by Program							
					A n=82	B n=263	C n=289	D n=224	E n=107	F n=409	G n=726	H n=251
	N	%	N	%	%							
Children's Identified Need For Mental Health Services	874	45	909	39	100	35	20	34	32	19	54	37
Of Those Identified: Children Receiving Mental Health Services	684	78	637	70	93	48	58	84	62	71	71	67
Of Those Identified: Children With An Unmet Mental Health Services Need	180	21	288	32	16	52	42	17	38	29	29	41
Barriers to Receiving Mental Health Services:												
Assessment not Complete	24	9	29	9	0	21	8	36	0	0	6	6
Child Care Issues	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0
DCYF Caseworker does not Concur	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Funds Unavailable	10	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	8	9	1	0
Insurance not Available	9	4	24	7	0	8	12	0	15	14	3	15
Linguistic/Culturally Competent Services not Available	0	0	3	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Non-Compliance: Parent	34	13	49	15	27	6	24	14	15	0	16	17
Non-Compliance: Child	125	49	149	45	67	25	12	7	23	68	52	58
Parent Decline Consent	1	<1	1	<1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
RITE Care Denial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Services not available in Community	2	1	1	<1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
Services not Available in State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation Issues	7	3	13	4	0	23	0	0	0	0	1	0
Unwillingness to do Home Visits	1	<1	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0
Waiting List	13	5	28	8	0	2	20	29	15	0	10	2
Other	25	10	23	7	0	13	20	7	23	0	5	2

Note: Duplicate records are included as aggregate data is collected quarterly. More than one response was allowed so that percents may exceed 100.

Service Characteristics

Child and Youth Placements at Admission

Table 6 presents data on child and youth placement goals at admission to outreach and tracking programs. As shown, 88 percent of children and youth had a placement goal of home preservation and nine percent had a goal of reunification with their family. This remains fairly constant across providers with the exception of program A where the majority of children and youth had a goal of reunification with their family (74%). These percentages are comparable to those reported for FY08.

Table 6. Child and Youth Placement at Admission: FY09 and Relevant Comparisons

	FY08 Overall N=569		FY09 Overall N=692		FY09 by Program							
	N	%	N	%	A n=34	B n=64	C n=76	D n=61	E n=35	F n=91	G n=253	H n=78
					%							
Home Preservation	482	85	609	88	0	100	100	85	100	100	88	88
Foster Care	2	<1	5	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
Reunification	44	8	64	9	74	0	0	13	0	0	11	5
Planned Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Living Transition	15	3	14	2	26	0	0	0	0	0	2	1

Note: Valid percents are reported. Percents may not equal 100 due to rounding.

Youth Employment and Educational Status

Table 7 presents data on employment and educational status for youth age 16 years and over. As shown, 18 percent of youth are employed (11% full-time), and 85 percent are enrolled in school. Similar figures were reported in FY08.

Table 7. Employment and Educational Status for Youth Age 16 and Over: FY09 and Relevant Comparisons

	FY08 Overall N=833		FY09 Overall N=1154		FY09 by Programs							
	N	%	N	%	A n=41	B n=96	C n=114	D n=57	E n=52	F n=331	G n=379	H n=84
					%							
Adolescents Employed	194	23	213	18	49	15	21	16	8	18	17	23
Employed Full-Time	17	9	23	11	20	14	4	11	25	9	11	11
Enrolled in School	738	89	984	85	73	99	93	56	90	84	86	83
Enrolled in GED Classes	28	3	59	5	24	0	1	9	2	3	6	10
Received GED	14	17	14	1	7	0	0	7	0	0	2	1
Received High School Diploma	9	1	6	<1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0

Note: Duplicate records are included as aggregate data is collected quarterly.

Educational Services

Table 8 reports data on the percentage of children and youth with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), 504 Plans, and English as Second Language (ESL) services. As presented in the table, 17 percent of children and youth had an IEP for emotional disturbance, and 16 percent had an IEP for a learning disability. There are markedly fewer youth with 504 Plans or children enrolled in ESL services (1% and 2%, respectively) among children and youth enrolled in outreach and tracking programs in FY09. These percentages have decreased slightly since FY08 for youth with an IEP for emotional disturbance (24% vs. 17%), and for youth with an IEP for a learning disability (22% vs. 16%).

Table 8. School-Aged Children and Youth With Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), 504 Plans, and English as a Second Language (ESL) Services: FY09 and Relevant Comparisons

	FY08 Overall N=1705		FY09 Overall N=2146		FY09 by Program							
	N	%	N	%	A n=70	B n=262	C n=281	D n=197	E n=88	F n=355	G n=666	H n=227
					%							
Youth with an IEP for Emotional Disturbance	403	24	364	17	66	18	6	11	19	19	18	14
Youth with an IEP for Learning Disabilities	377	22	353	16	1	18	10	13	25	15	20	19
Youth with a 504 Plan	22	1	31	1	0	3	2	3	2	0	1	1
Youth Receiving ESL Services	43	3	35	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	1	2

Note: Duplicate records are included as aggregate data is collected quarterly.

Discharge Characteristics

Frequency and Reason

As depicted in Table 9, 62 percent of the total number of children and youth served during FY09 were also discharged during the fiscal year. Rates of discharge varied somewhat by program, ranging from 51 percent to 74 percent. The primary reason for discharge given by programs during FY09 was goals accomplished (51%), and the next most common reason was other (20%). Discharge reasons reported for individual programs varied. Overall, discharge frequency and reasons were comparable from FY08 to FY09; with the exception that the discharge reason goals accomplished has increased (42% vs. 51%).

Table 9. Children and Youth Discharged and Primary Discharge Reason: FY09 and Relevant Comparisons

	FY08		FY09		FY09 by Program							
	Overall		Overall		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	N=913		N=1046		n=46	n=118	n=115	n=97	n=50	n=163	n=339	n=118
	N	%	N	%	%							
Children Discharged	532	58	650	62	74	52	62	62	60	66	67	51
<i>Discharge Reason</i>												
5/10 Days Notice	6	1	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
Adjudicated/ Re-Offended	31	6	44	7	3	7	0	2	0	35	0	0
Child Aged Out of Program	13	2	15	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	3
Court Ordered	47	9	53	8	0	21	4	3	7	9	7	12
Goals Accomplished	222	42	330	51	88	36	54	53	57	44	53	42
Left Without Notice/AMA/AWOL	15	3	19	3	0	2	0	5	3	3	3	8
Moved Out of State/Area	23	4	26	4	0	10	4	8	17	5	0	3
Refused Services	43	8	29	4	9	0	15	2	0	5	1	12
Time-Limit Reached	2	<1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	130	24	130	20	0	21	21	25	17	0	32	15

Note: Percents may not equal 100 due to rounding.

Disposition

Table 10 summarizes the data for discharge disposition. As shown, two-thirds of children and youth were discharged from outreach and tracking programs to their home with a parent or guardian (66%). A discharge to the Rhode Island Training School (RITS) or a residential placement was much less common (11% and 5%, respectively). Discharge dispositions for FY08 and FY09 were comparable, with the exception that children and youth were discharged less frequently to their home with a parent or guardian (72% vs. 66%) and slightly more frequently to the RITS (8% vs. 11%)

Table 10. Child and Youth Discharge Dispositions: FY09 and Relevant Comparisons

	FY08 Overall N=913		FY09 Overall N=1046		FY09 by Program							
	N	%	N	%	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
					n=46	n=118	n=115	n=97	n=50	(n=163	n=339	n=118
					%							
Children Discharged	532	58	650	62	74	52	62	62	60	66	67	51
<i>Discharge Disposition</i>												
Adult Corrections	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DCYF-DAS Evaluation	1	<1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DCYF- Foster Care	2	<1	11	2	0	3	0	0	3	0	3	2
Emancipation/Adoption	1	<1	3	<1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Family Court	0	0	1	<1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Group Home	21	4	39	6	21	5	1	3	3	2	7	12
Home- Parent/ Guardian	384	72	429	66	47	67	92	77	80	55	62	62
Home- Relatives	8	2	15	2	3	2	0	2	0	1	2	10
Job Corps	1	<1	3	<1	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0
More Intensive Program	4	1	1	<1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mental Health Services	0	0	1	<1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Psychiatric Hospitalization	6	1	7	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	2	0
Residential Placement	25	5	32	5	15	8	0	5	0	7	4	2
Shelter	15	3	12	2	0	0	3	0	3	0	4	2
Specialized Foster Care	2	<1	1	<1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Supervised Ind. Living	2	<1	7	1	6	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Training School (RITS)	40	8	74	11	9	5	0	7	0	34	11	3
Other	16	3	14	2	0	7	1	2	7	0	1	5

Note: Percents may not equal 100 due to rounding.

Discharge and “Open” Status Cases

Table 11 indicates that of the 650 children and youth discharged from outreach and tracking programs during FY09, a total of 42 percent remained “open” to the Department. The proportion of DCYF “open” cases is comparable from FY08 and FY09.

Table 11. Children and Youth Discharged With Open DCYF Cases: FY09 and Relevant Comparisons

	FY08 Overall N= 532		FY09 Overall N=650		FY09 by Program							
	N	%	N	%	A n=34	B n=61	C n=71	D n=60	E n=30	F n=108	G n=226	H n=60
					%							
Children & Youth Discharged With Open DCYF Cases	205	39	273	42	79	39	7	42	30	56	34	75

Service Outcomes

Completion of Individual Service Plans

Individual Service Plans (ISPs) are created for children and youth in outreach and tracking programs. Providers have 30 days after admission to complete ISPs. Of the 692 children and youth newly admitted to outreach and tracking programs during FY09, 549 children and youth (79%) were also in the program for more than 30 days within the quarter they were admitted. Of this group, Table 12 shows that 90 percent of eligible children had an ISP completed within 30 days of admission. Since FY08, this proportion has decreased slightly (95% to 90%) and varies across programs.

Table 12. Children and Youth with Individual Service Plans (ISPs) Completed Within 30 Days of Admission: FY09 and Relevant Comparisons

	FY08 Overall N=403		FY09 Overall N=549		FY09 by Program							
	N	%	N	%	A n=19	B n=64	C n=75	D n=42	E n= 32	F n=91	G n=173	H n=53
					%							
ISP Completed Within 30 Days of Admission	381	95	494	90	100	100	100	14	100	100	100	64

Note: Sample consists of children and youth who were both newly admitted and in the program for more than 30 days.

Timely Reviews/Updates of Individual Service Plans

Table 13 presents data on the percentage of children and youth who's Individual Service Plans (ISPs) were reviewed and/or updated at least once each quarter. As shown in the table on the following page, 91 percent of service plans were reviewed and/or updated each quarter. However, due to aggregate reporting of data and the inclusion of only up to 30 charts for each program per quarter, figures are not available for all 1,046 children served. Figures for FY08 and FY09 are very similar.

Table 13. Children and Youth with Individual Service Plans (ISPs) Reviewed on Time: FY09 and Relevant Comparisons

	FY08 Overall N=794		FY09 Overall N=862		FY09 by Program							
	N	%	N	%	A n=71	B n=120	C n=120	D n=120	E n=105	F n=120	G n=120	H n=86
					%							
ISP Reviewed/Updated Quarterly	723	91	785	91	100	100	100	43	100	100	100	91

Note: Data is based on a random review of a maximum of 30 charts for each program per quarter.

Child and Youth Outcomes

School Grades and Attendance

Grades and school attendance are tracked for children receiving outreach and tracking services. Of the 1,046 children and youth receiving outreach and tracking services during FY09, Math and English grades were reported for 322 children and youth (31%), and reading grades were reported for 226 children and youth (22%). In addition, attendance was reported for 371 children and youth (35%).

As presented in Tables 14, 15, and 16 below, 53 to 57 percent of grades reported in Math, English, or Reading during the period of enrollment in outreach and tracking programs were a “C” or better. In addition, Table 17 shows that 45 percent of children and youth attended school on a regular basis. There is considerable variation on these indicators by program. It is important to note that this data (likely) includes some duplicate records, as multiple marking periods were included when the data was reported.

Table 14. Child and Youth School Math Grades: FY09

	Overall		A		D		G		H	
	N	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Below a C (69 or below) or Failing	382	47	2	5	35	27	225	48	120	66
C or Above (70+) or Passing	435	53	36	95	93	73	244	52	62	34
Total	817	100	38	100	128	100	469	100	182	100

Note: No grades submitted for programs B, C, E, and F.

Table 15. Child and Youth School English Grades: FY09

	Overall		A		D		G		H	
	N	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Below a C (69 or below) or Failing	386	47	1	3	39	31	231	49	112	62
C or Above (70+) or Passing	432	53	37	97	89	70	238	51	68	38
Total	815	100	38	100	128	100	469	100	180	100

Note: No grades submitted for programs B, C, E, and F.

Table 16. Child and Youth School Reading Grades: FY09

	Overall		A		D		G		H	
	N	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Below a C (69 or below) or Failing	184	43	0	0	26	22	109	49	55	59
C or Above (70+) or Passing	243	57	6	100	90	78	109	51	38	41
Total	427	100	6	100	116	100	212	100	93	100

Note: No grades submitted for programs B, C, E, and F.

Table 17. Child and Youth School Attendance: FY09

	Overall		A		D		G		H	
	N	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Not Attending	74	7	0	0	4	3	47	7	23	9
Attends Very Infrequently (1 - 25%)	107	10	0	0	5	4	61	10	41	16
Attends Infrequently (26 - 50%)	126	12	0	0	8	6	79	12	39	15
Attends More Than Not (51 - 75%)	228	21	0	0	22	17	162	25	44	17
Attends Regularly (76 - 100%)	491	45	50	82	88	68	254	40	99	39
Unknown	55	5	11	18	2	2	35	6	7	3
Total	1081	100	61	100	129	100	638	100	253	3

Note: No attendance data submitted for programs B, C, E, and F.